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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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SUBJ: BIO INFORMATION - SWITZERLAND'S AMBASSADOR TO ITALY

HENRI MONFRINI

REF: ROME 2922 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR MONFRINI WAS BORN IN 1913 IN LAUSANNE. FOLLOWING STUDIES AT HEIDELBERG AND BERLIN, HE RECEIVED A DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE IN 1939 AND BEGAN TO PRACTICE LAW IN HIS HOME TOWN THE SAME YEAR. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE VAUD CANTONAL LEGISLATURE IN 1974 AND TO THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT IN 1953. FROM 1961 TO 1963 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE LOWER HOUSE. HE LEFT PARLIAMENT IN 1963 AND FOR THE NEXT YEAR WAS PART OF A UN GROUP OF EXPERTS STUDYING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GAMBIA AND SENEGAL. FROM 1964 TO 1966 HE WAS UNDP REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN GABON AND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE SWISS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1966 AS AMBASSADOR TO THE IVORY COAST, UPPER VOLTA, AND NIGER; IN 1970 HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM; AND IN 1975 HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ITALY.

2. EMBASSY BERN HAS NOT HAD ANY RECENT CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR MONFRINI. DURING HIS TENURE WITH THE UNDP, EMBASSY LIBREVILLE FOUND HIM PROFESSIONALLY

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PERHAPS EMBASSY BRUSSELS CAN PROVIDE MORE RECENT
IMPRESSIONS OF AMBASSADOR MONFRINI.
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